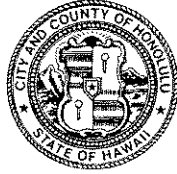


**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

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MICHAEL PILI PANG  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 3, 2009

The Honorable Todd K. Apo, Chair  
and Members  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair Apo and Councilmembers:

Subject: Request for Council Acceptance of Gift to the City of Artwork

We respectfully request the acceptance by the Honolulu City Council on behalf of the City and County of Honolulu of a gift to the City from William Gong of 739 Cardigan Drive, Sunnyvale, California 94087, of a wooden sculpture executed by Jerry Tsukio Okimoto entitled "Enpitsu." This request is made under the provisions of Resolution No. 05-349, CD1, FD1.

The Commission on Culture and the Arts, at its January 15, 2009 meeting, recommended approval by the City Council to accept this sculpture as a gift to the City. The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts desires placement of the gift valued at \$18,000.00 in the Art in City Buildings collection of the City and County of Honolulu. We attach a proposed resolution for the favorable action of the Council.

Please feel free to contact E. Tory Laitila at phone 768-4105, if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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Michael Pili Pang  
Executive Director

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Attachment: Exhibit A

APPROVED:

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Kirk W. Caldwell  
Acting Managing Director



## **RESOLUTION**

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THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT OF ARTWORK FROM WILLIAM GONG TO THE CITY FOR THE ART IN CITY BUILDINGS COLLECTION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU MANAGED BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

WHEREAS, William Gong desires to gift a sculpture to the City and County of Honolulu entitled, "Enpitsu" by artist Jerry Tsukio Okimoto; the wooden sculpture depicts a pencil and stands 182 inches, 24.5 inches wide, and 25.5 inches deep, and was manufactured in 1990 in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Tsukio Okimoto was a Hawaii born artist who gained national recognition; born in 1924 in Waianae, Oahu; he attended the Honolulu School of Art from 1946 to 1948; in 1954 he received a fellowship from the John Hay Whitney Foundation whereby he traveled to New York City to pursue his fine art career, it was in New York City where he created much of his work and spent the remainder of his life; he passed away in 1998 and was buried in California; he was named one of Hawaii's Living Treasures in 1998; and whose executed works of art are in public and private collections across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Culture and the Arts approved to respectfully request the acceptance of this gift by the Council on their meeting of January 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-113 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu provides for the acceptance of gifts to the City by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 05-349, CD1, FD1, establishes a policy of the Council for the solicitation and acceptance of gifts donated to the City executive agencies; and

WHEREAS, the policy provides for acceptance of the gift by affirmative action by the Council; and

WHEREAS, through a letter dated February 3, 2009, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, has submitted a request to the Council (and approved by the Managing Director) of the gift valued at \$18,000.00 for the Art in City Buildings collection; and,



## RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the description and value of the gift are set forth in the Declaration of Gift attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body accept the gift valued at \$18,000.00 from William Gong; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Registrar of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, 530 South King Street Room 404, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813; Mr. Satoru Abe, 1050 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816; and Mr. William Gong, 739 Cardigan Drive, Sunnyvale, California 94087.

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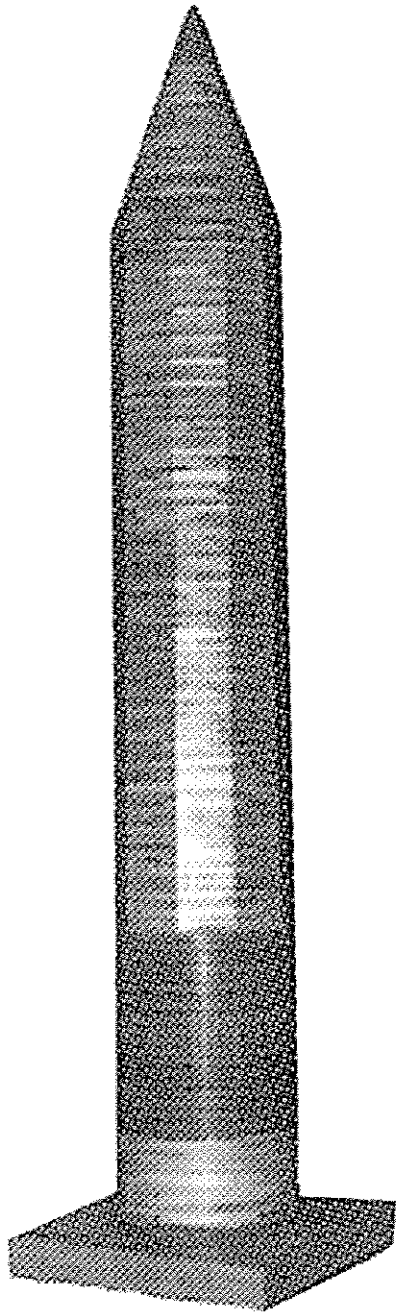
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Councilmembers

## City and County of Honolulu

| DECLARATION OF GIFT  |   |
|--|---|
| NAME OF DONOR  | William Gong                                      |
| DONOR'S ADDRESS  | 739 Cardigan Drive<br>Sunnyvale, California 94087 |
| DONOR'S TELEPHONE  | (408) 245-1175                                    |
| STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP AND/OR TERMS OF CONVEYANCE  |   |
| <p>I own the item described below and desire to give the property to the City and County of Honolulu. To carry out my purpose, I do hereby absolutely and without condition or reservation give, grant and convey the property to the City and County of Honolulu.</p> |   |
| DESCRIPTION OF GIFT  | VALUE   |
| <p>A wooden sculpture entitled "Empitsu" (Pencil), by artist Jerry Tsukio Okimoto; executed in 1990 in New York City. The sculpture is made of plywood and laminated white pine and stands 182 inches tall by 24.5 inches wide by 24.5 inches deep.</p>                | <p>\$18,000.00</p>                                |
| <p>Signature: <i>William Gong</i> Date: <i>1/6/2009</i></p> <p>Print Name: William Gong Title:</p>   |   |

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*Enpitsu (Pencil)*, 1990

plywood and laminated

white pine

182 x 24.5 x 24.5 in.